

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:06 p.m. on September 9, 2014, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Rusty Niemi, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Tami Hoines
Luke Holdbrook

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/District Clerk

GUESTS: Brittney Prinkki, Ron Prinkki, Sanford Langager, Ward Braten, Jackie Ronning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 12, 2014 as presented. YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for September 2014 as presented. (YES--DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Prinkki reported to the Board on her participation at the HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth) Leadership conference in Missoula in June. She stated she found the conference inspirational.

Sanford Langager commended the Board on its selection of Mr. Ator for the superintendent position. He stated he has been hearing good things about Mr. Ator from teachers and students and has seen he is not afraid to get involved in projects.

Mr. Langager stated the school is the center of the community and when it gets good support, it brings everyone closer together. He expressed his willingness and availability to help with projects the school needs done.

PERSONNEL

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST – Mr. Ator recommended that Sherri Caperton, Charlotte DeVries and Misty Pitts be added to the substitute teacher list.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to add Sherri Caperton, Charlotte DeVries, and Misty Pitts to the substitute teacher list. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Ms. Hoines asked how it is decided which substitute to call.

Mr. Ator stated sometimes the teachers request a specific person and sometimes it just depends on who is available.

COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS – Mr. Ator stated there has been no interest shown for the high school boys’ basketball coaching positions and feels it is time to readvertise.

Mr. Ator made the following coaching recommendations:

Clark Begger	Jr. High Boys’ Basketball Head Coach	\$1350
John Payovich	Jr. High Boys’ Basketball Asst. Coach	\$ 850
Jené Reinhardt	Jr. High Girls’ Basketball Head Coach	\$1350
Rees Newton	Jr. High Girls’ Basketball Asst. Coach	\$ 850
Jené Reinhardt	Head Track	\$2500
George Nelson	Assistant Track	\$1650

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the coaching recommendations made by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Niemi, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

CONCESSIONS – Mr. Ator stated the junior class is interested in running concessions this year to support their senior trip. He stated he knows the trip is a concern and at some point we need to put a limit on mileage for these trips.

Ms. DeVries stated there also needs to be a limit on the amount of time missed from school.

Mr. Ator stated Bobbi Jo Martinez, parent of a junior class student, will be managing the concessions and recommended giving her a \$1000 stipend out of the general fund. He stated the concessions manager is then not tied to any class or group but is a stipend position.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the addition of concessions manager as a stipend position funded through the general fund with a stipend of \$1000. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENT CONTRACTS – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the following out of district student contracts:

Elementary – Braxton Barent, Korbyn Barent, Abigail Dines, Jordin Foss, Megan Foss, Antolina Heil, Savannah Heil, Wyatt Hobson, Gus Spencer

Junior High – Sequoia Boehm, Daniel Carter, Makayla Dines, Elijah Foss, Garrett Spencer, Saige Weimer

High School – Rain Boehm, Bryce Dines, Gus Dines, Tyler Bates-Foss, Seth Green, Danni Nardinger, Claire Schoening, Amanda Ullom, Savvana Weimer

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the out of district student contracts as recommended by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Mr. Ator asked for an executive session to discuss two of the out of district contracts.

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 6:26 p.m. stating the next items of business involve individuals and it is her determination that the individuals’ privacy rights exceed the merits of public disclosure. She returned the meeting to regular session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to accept the out of district student contract for G.B. with the conditions as written. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the out of district student contract for A.V. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

YELLOWSTONE/WEST CARBON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE – Mr. Ator stated because the district is a member of a special education cooperative, each year the district shall confirm its intent to remain a part of that co-op and participate in a joint board agreement for the next school fiscal year.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to pass the following:

“After discussion at our board meeting of September 9, 2014, the Board of Trustees for Roberts School District #5 has agreed to continue membership in the Yellowstone/West Carbon County Special Services for the triennial period and as specified under the Cooperative’s current Interlocal Agreement. The Board of Trustees has designated Alexander Ator, Superintendent, to serve as their representative to the Cooperative Joint Advisory Board.”

(YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

BEARTOOTH CONCRETE BID – Mr. Ator asked to table this motion as he hasn’t heard back from John Dinsdale.

MULTI-SPORT PARTICIPATION FEE – Mr. Ator asked if a student participates in two sports during one season, do we charge one fee for the season or a fee for each sport.

Mr. Holdbrook asked what the fee is used for.

Mr. Ator stated the fee helps pay expenses associated with the sport such as travel and officials.

Ms. DeVries stated students need to pay participation fees in each sport in which they participate.

OLD BUSINESS

PART-TIME ATTENDANCE POLICY – SECOND READING – Mr. Ator recommended the Board pass the Part-Time Attendance Policy on second reading (see attached). He stated we do have one student attending part-time.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the Part-Time Attendance policy as presented on second reading. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

2014-2015 HANDBOOKS – Mr. Ator stated the leadership team will be looking at staff and student handbooks and the course catalog when they meet on the PIR day on September 22.

EARLY GRADUATION PROCEDURE – Mr. Ator stated the student who was interested in early graduation has decided against pursuing it but he would like to change the procedure to the following:

Old – It is the philosophy of the administration and Board of Trustees that early graduation not be allowed at Roberts High School. Students should complete four (4) full years of high school prior to making future decisions and plans such as college, vocational school, military, or entering the work force or society.

New – It is the philosophy of the administration and Board of Trustees that early graduation not be allowed at Roberts High School without consent of the superintendent and local board of education. Unless the student can demonstrate an advantage or need to graduate early, he/she should complete four (4) full years of high school prior to making future decisions and plans such as college, vocational school, military, or entering the work force or society.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROGRAM – Mr. Ator reported he and Joel Bertolino had a good meeting with members of the Board from the Boys and Girls Club where the idea of bussing children to Red Lodge for Boys and Girls Club was discussed. He stated the Board has now hired staff to keep the program in Roberts, almost all of which are from Roberts.

Mr. Bertolino stated he is glad Mr. Ator took the initiative to fix the problems with the program. He added we are in the third year of a five year grant with the opportunity to go another five years with reduced funding.

Mr. Ator stated at the meeting there was discussion of having someone from Roberts on the Board for the Boys and Girls Club. He stated we need to start looking at what happens when the five year period is up.

ATHLETIC REPORT – Mr. Ator stated we have two high school boys in football in Red Lodge as the third suffered a concussion and won't be returning to the team.

Ms. DeVries stated she has heard from the players and parents that Red Lodge has been very receptive to the Roberts athletes.

Mr. Ator stated there are eight players on the junior high football team, with the possibility of two more joining. He added there are four high school students in cross country and ten on the junior high cross country team.

Mr. Ator stated no high school girls were interested in cross country but he contacted the MHSAA and we don't have a compliance issue because of the number of girls overall participating in activities.

Mr. Ator reported the high school volleyball team has ten players and the junior high team has eighteen. He added we don't have an assistant at the junior high level but volunteers have been helping out.

ALTERNATIVE LEVY OPTIONS – Mr. Ator stated he would like to continue talking about alternative levy options which can support the general fund without increasing the fund. He stated a technology levy or a building reserve levy could pay for items usually paid through the general fund. He asked if the Board would like to explore the options.

Mr. Niemi stated we need to explore the options.

TEACHER PIR – Mr. Ator reported during the PIR days before the opening of school, goals, expectations and raising the bar for all students was discussed.

STUDENT COUNCIL – Mr. Ator stated next year the offices of secretary and treasurer for Student Council will be combined.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported the following meetings on his schedule:

9/11/14
9/15/14 – 9/16/14

AIM Training – Billings
MASS meeting/Bozeman

9/24
9/29
10/1
10/15 – 10/17
10/29

MASS Regional/Billings
Board Training/Fromberg
Southern C Divis. Meeting
MCEL/Billings
MASS Regional/Billings

Mr. Ator asked that Board members contact him if they are interested in attending the Board Training in Fromberg or the MCEL conference.

Ms. DeVries and Ms. Hoines stated they would like to attend the MCEL conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

1 **Roberts School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Part-Time Attendance

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7 The District will not accept students eligible to enroll in grades K-6 on a part-time basis unless
8 they are disabled. The District will review requests for part-time enrollment of grades 7-12
9 students on a case-by-case basis, with the Superintendent making a final decision. The District
10 will consider only those students who are not enrolled in any other public school.

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12 Criteria for accepting students in grades 7-12 for part-time enrollment are the following:

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- 14 1. A student must enroll in a minimum of four (4) courses;
- 15 2. The student will be required to take a minimum of two (2) of the courses in the school
16 building, during school time;
- 17 3. The student will be allowed to take the other two (2) additional courses outside of the
18 school building or in the school building.

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20 The course work must be approved by the school counselor and/or the Superintendent prior to
21 enrollment of the courses.

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25 Legal Reference: § 20-9-311(a), MCA Calculation of average number belonging (ANB) –
26 3-year averaging

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28 Policy History:

29 Adopted on:

30 Reviewed on:

31 Revised on: